

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19160

Current HVAC statute (Section 54-5001, Idaho Code) adopts the International Mechanical Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, and Parts V and VI of the International Residential Code. The HVAC industry has expressed concern about whether the state's HVAC and mechanical regulatory and enforcement program extends to solid fuel burning and hearth-related installations. Because of the potential ambiguity about the breadth of the regulatory scheme there is concern that some solid fuel and hearth related installations are installed without inspection, and without assurances that the individuals performing the work possess the requisite skill and experience. To eliminate these concerns, the HVAC Board has determined to make it clearer that the scope of the HVAC regulatory program does extend to solid fuel burning and hearth-related installations by adopting the applicable codes which address such installation standards. The proposed legislative amendment would continue to adopt the International Fuel Gas Code and the International Mechanical Code as the minimum standards for HVAC and mechanical installations in the state. Currently, these codes are only used as the minimum standard in commercial buildings. This legislation would make such codes applicable to installations performed in residential buildings as well. Using such codes would capture solid fuel burning and hearth-related HVAC and mechanical installations in all types of construction and eliminate the need to use the International Residential Code.

FISCAL NOTE

Minimal favorable impact.

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